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Q: Where can I find the recording, power point and questions & answers for this webinar?

A: All webinars recorded for downloading from the ECSO website, along with any electronic copies of power points, Q&A documents, or other attachments.

http://www.dot.state.fl.us/ecso/downloads/GoToMeetingTraining/PostedWebinars.shtm

Q: Where can I find the Engineering / CADD Systems Office (ECSO) Training Manuals?

A: The CADD training manuals, along with associated training data sets, can be downloaded from the ECSO website: http://www.dot.state.fl.us/ecso/main/FDOTCaddTraining.shtm

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http://www.dot.state.fl.us/ecso/downloads/GoToMeetingTraining/ScheduledWebinars.shtm

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Q: Does the "annotation scale" setting stick when Save Settings is applied now? (Structures mode)

A: You will probably need to Save Settings in the file after setting the desired scale for the scale to be remembered. Annotation Scale should be a default setting in the Structures Mode, but Save Settings should set the Annotation Scale. I was referring to the MicroStation "File > Save Settings". You can hit "Ctrl + F" on the keyboard to save the design files settings.

Q: Where is the Curb and Gutter Maker now?

A: It has been removed from FDOTSS4 because it does not function properly with the new Civil Data created using the OpenRoads tools. I believe that, because of the way we do business now (Corridor Modeling/Civil Tools), the Curb and Gutter maker has been discontinued.

Q: How do you change the settings that, when hovering over an element, you get all information, not just level and element type? I am with FDOT and I thought we are not supposed to change FDOTsite.txt file.

A: Remove the '#' symbol from this line: #GPK_ACCUSNAP_IDENTIFY_ELEMENTS_AUTOMATICALLY = 1. Warning! This could cause crashing of MicroStation.

Q: In our office, at the moment, to open a file, we had organized the projects on a tab call "Project" (where you pull it out and it showed you the projects and it took you directly to the project without going folder by folder) that goes below of the "User" tab and above the "Interface" tab. When we did the update, that organization is not there anymore, is there any way to bring it back?

A: Try deleting your UPF file. The project list is created from the *.pcf files located in the root of the projects directory. If deleting the upf file does not work, check the value for the environment variable FDOT_Projects and verify that it is pointing to the correct location.

Q: Where is the .upf file located?

A: c:\fdotss4\workspace\prefs\

Q: The cell webpage occasionally breaks and the page won't load.

A: Yes, we have seen that but do not have a resolution for it at the moment.

Q: Why NOT use shared cells?

A: Shared cells have historically always been temperamental and caused problems in MicroStation. The shared cell instances have been known to cause issues with crashing and possible 'corruption' in files. When issues occur, it is not easily corrected, if it can be corrected. They just cause issues from time to time so as a rule we don't recommend the use of shared cells.

Q: Will this flip custom line style work with silt fence?

A: Yes. It does. It will flip any custom line style.

Q: What is that d-pad symbol that flashes on sometimes? That cross shaped white block. It flashed on in your last demo.

A: That symbol is used to quickly dock a dialog box in the direction of the icon that is being dragged across the screen.

Q: Is custom line style like the old way of scaling line symbology? If so, will it not work with annotation scale?

A: No. These are line styles created by FDOT ECSO to look differently than the standard MicroStation line styles. We have new custom line styles that are annotation scale friendly. This tool just flips the line style. It does not affect the annotation scale applied to the line style.

Q: I was under the impression custom line styles were going away and using annotation scale was preferred. Is this not true?

A: Custom line styles and annotation scale are 2 totally different things. I don't believe custom line styles will ever go away. We are even looking into 3D custom line styles. Annotation scale works with our new custom line styles. It is the Plot Scale that is going away, being replaced with annotation scale.